



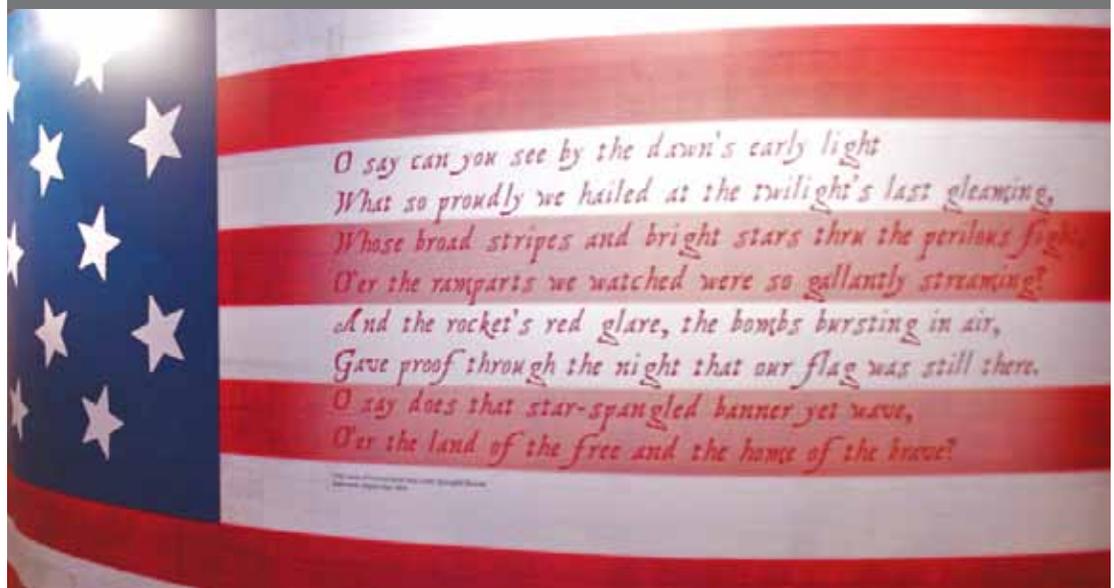
# WAR *of* 1812

## TRAVELING EXHIBIT

# DEFENSE

## *of the* NATION

Maryland in the War of 1812



Display  
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## Maryland in the War of 1812

The traveling exhibit offers the opportunity to experience the crucial Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812. Because so much of the War of 1812 happened on Maryland soil and in Chesapeake waters, Marylanders have much to be proud of and commemorate during the upcoming Bicentennial. The War of 1812 unified a fractured nation, secured our independence from Great Britain, and produced two powerful national symbols: the National Anthem and “Star-Spangled Banner” flag.

Marylanders remember the War of 1812 as a bloody and courageous three-year effort to defend themselves and secure their independence. Though some call it “America’s Forgotten War,” this new exhibit shows why the events that took place 200 years ago continue to inspire and enlighten Americans. The discovery of new information along with wonderful historic images will reveal the hardships and fear felt by the people of Maryland and the Chesapeake Region so long ago as well as their inspired response

The War of 1812 in Maryland will come to life with this new exhibit and bring with it a new sense of appreciation for the freedom we all enjoy today as it revisits the human drama that shaped and propelled this important turning point in the American experience.

“*The scars that the raids  
left on the landscape and its people  
did not soon heal.*”

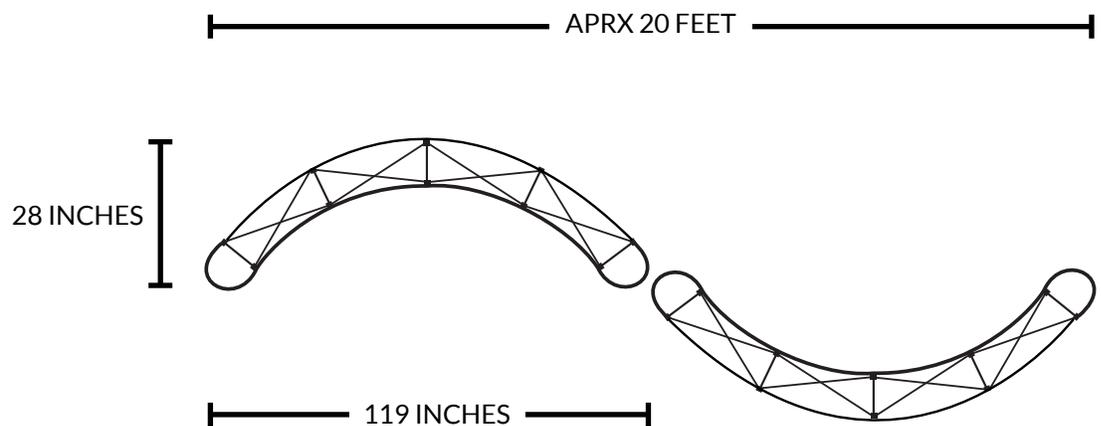
— Ralph Eshelman, Scott Sheads, and Donald Hickey  
*The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake the Chesapeake*  
Johns Hopkins Press, 2010



## Technical Specifications

The primary display of the exhibition consists of two serpentine “wave” panels, each 10-feet long. Total length of the exhibit is 20-feet long, 3-feet wide, and 8-feet tall. There are rack card holders attached to the display to hold the new 1812 rack cards. The exhibit also includes six-foot tall soldier/sailor stand (requiring a footprint of 2 square feet) incorporating a video display with footage of 1812 re-enactors at Fort McHenry (local exhibition contains video; regional exhibition does not contain video).

The total exhibition footprint required for proper viewing is 30 feet by 40 feet. Configuration can be amended to accommodate different space availability.



**SOLDIER/SAILOR DISPLAY**  
Video monitor on obverse

NOTE: Electricity is needed to run video monitor and DVD player.



# Installation *Photographs*

Installation in Baltimore City Hall

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